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Attorney General John Ashcroft US Department of Justice 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

From the beginning, I have thought that the suit against Microsoft should be thrown out of court. Microsoft has done more good for technology in the world than any other entity. Microsoft rose to its market position through providing a quality product at a price that consumers can afford. The enormous economic rewards that Microsoft reaped due to their business savvy is still the envy of the IT industry. Unfortunately, instead of Microsoft's competitors attempting to create a product that was able to compete well with Microsoft's, they tried to use the court as a tool of greed rather than one of Justice.

The proposed settlement is more than fair to the plaintiffs in the case, and punishes Microsoft far past any substantive infractions of which they may be guilty. Microsoft will share information about the internal workings of Windows, and will design future versions of Windows so that non-Microsoft programs can operate within it and suffer no drop-off of efficiency.

The time is long passed for this matter to be put behind us. The incredible cost that Microsoft and the other litigants have spent on the case will take years to pay off.

Sincerely,

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